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**LSU SPORTS COUNCIL 2024/25**

The Leicester Students’ Union Sports Council aims to give students across all facets of club sport a greater voice here. The idea of this council is to formalise student discussions, build a sports-focused discussion group within the SU and Sport and Active Life, discuss ideas and give students a greater voice among senior staff. The future success of sports here at Leicester lies completely within the student’s voices. It is extremely important students are included in the process of navigating the forthcoming season as we build on creating an exceptional sporting offer.

The council is broken down into 9 roles and individual responsibilities. As you are all still studying, the role will be flexible and accommodating to your studies. You will be applying for **A ROLE** on the sports council. You may state your preference, but the 9 strongest candidates will be selected and then responsibilities agreed upon and delegated between the team.

Council selection will be based on mainly applications but an informal chat will also be necessary for the Sports and Societies Officer to get to know the individual applicants – Don’t stress about this, it is not marked. **This is not an elected position, much like the club committee roles**. The role is voluntary and is expected to take up to 4-6 hours per month.

**Role Requirements:**

1. Must be a UOL student in the 24/25 academic year.
2. Must be a member of a sports club (but you do not need to be a committee member or specifically under Team Leicester).
3. You must be 2nd year+, we will not be accepting applications from 24/25 starters.

**Role Perks:**

* Rockstar Privilege Pass (Free entry on Wednesday and Friday student nights at the O2).
* Free or discounted tickets for University/Union events. (I.e. Rugby Varsity & Sports Awards).
* Merchandise of your choice (will be given a few options, tbc)

**All members of the Sports Council will be required to:**

* Attend one Union Parliament Meeting per Semester, each to represent the sport.
* Attend Sports Council Meetings once a week for one hour to discuss current activities.
* Attend Club Captain Assemblies when needed.
* Be an ambassador for events and other LSU projects. For example, Pride, Black History Month and Parasport.
* Sit on deciding panel for: Sportsperson of the Month and Club Colours etc.
* Attend important events such as Varsity and Sports Awards etc.
* Assist with LSU Sports projects throughout the year.
* Be an approachable point of contact for club presidents/captains.
* Feedback on ways that sports at UoL can be more inclusive and aim to engage with liberation groups and inactive students.
* Act as role models for sport at Leicester.
* Help the Sports and Societies Officer run specific RAG events throughout the academic year.

**Sports Council Role Descriptions:**

**STUDENT VICE-CHAIR**

1. To lead discussions and meetings when the Sports and Societies Officer is absent, acting as the Chair.
2. To liaise with the Sports and Societies Officer following the weekly meetings to ensure that the actions from the meeting are being completed by the council.
3. Act as the main point of contact for the council for general queries.
4. To help ensure that all events and campaigns are completed to a high standard
5. To give Sports Council updates at the Club Captain assemblies where needed.
6. To liaise with the Sports and Societies Officer, Sport and Active Life and the Sports Boards (/other management groups).
7. To meet often with the KUKRI University Liaison Officer in order to relay student ideas and general kit information.
8. To engage with sports clubs to collate information around kit orders and general ideas.

**SPORTS COUNCIL SECRETARY**

1. To take meeting minutes during the weekly Sports Council Meetings, keeping the council up to date each week.
2. To produce a structured email (templated) for the Sports Council to view after each meeting, based on the minutes.
3. To oversee logistical strategies that the Sports Council may have.
4. To keep a rough idea of finance and spending on behalf of the Sports Council.
5. Gathers reports and photos from all sports clubs at all levels of participation
6. Working with the Sports and Societies Officer to promote university sports via relevant channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, email etc) and working to ensure clubs, individuals and volunteers get fair coverage.
7. To be confident with photography and digital content creation.
8. To monitor and upload updates onto the SU councils Instagram page.

**WELLBEING OFFICER**

1. To work with the Sports and Societies Officer to ensure that provisions for those with mental health conditions and disabilities are improved at the University of Leicester
2. To engage in conversations with clubs and societies to see how they would like their wellbeing support to be improved at the University of Leicester and Students’ Union.
3. To work with the Sports and Societies Officer to run any wellbeing related campaigns, events or training.
4. To communicate with the Sports and Societies Officer to link to societies and promote the more opportunities for our students.
5. To help be the voice for those with mental health conditions or disabilities within Sports at the University of Leicester and to promote their feedback.
6. To support in implementing better processes and networks for wellbeing support in sports.
7. To act as a main point of contact in regards to wellbeing in sports and signposting to support, for sport clubs committees, communicating the thoughts and feedback from wellbeing and inclusion ambassadors.

**EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS LEAD**

1. Works on events throughout the year, whether that be for the Sports Council, the Students’ Union or Sport and Active Life.
2. To act as the logistical lead on events the Sports Council may organise.
3. Liaise with the media representatives from Sport and Active Life.
4. Actively works with the Sports and Societies Officer to ensure their Varsity campaign is completed to a high standard.
5. To sit on monthly Varsity meetings to ensure that the Varsity schedule is completed fairly for all sports clubs.
6. To work with the Sports and Societies Officer to make sure teams without a Varsity fixture have found replacement fixtures.
7. To work with the Sports and Societies Officer to make sure travel to events is available.
8. Completes any relevant paperwork such as the Event and Fundraising Notification form and Charity donation form.
9. Plans their own innovative joint fundraisers to promote unity within the Sports community.

**PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT**

1. Work with Sport Experience Team to help set performance targets for clubs.
2. Helps the Sports and Societies Officer with development and performance indicators to clubs
3. Looks at how the university sport can improve its offering in order to develop clubs, allowing them to perform at their highest standard.
4. Look to understand current setbacks within university sport and the wider body (BUCS).
5. Support in the implementation and tracking of sustainable development goals within sports clubs and liaising information with the Students’ Union environmental action coordinators.

**LIBERATION REPRESENTATIVES x4 – *We are actively seeking people who identify in liberation groups for these roles.***

***Representatives: Women’s x1, LGBTQ+ x1, Accessibility x1 and Ethnic Equity x1***

1. Contributes to making sports at UoL more inclusive for the groups they are representing and aims to engage liberation groups and inactive students, by facilitating communication with the Liberation Officer.
2. Supports Sports and Societies Officer in identifying potential inclusion and awareness campaigns throughout the academic year.
3. The opportunity to sit on university/SU working groups focussed on reducing social/financial barriers to sport and implementing change to the student body.
4. To ensure that the sporting offer at the University of Leicester is engaging liberation groups.
5. To help work on campaigns run by the Sports and Societies Officer that champion improving diversity in sport.
6. To engage in conversations with the Liberation Officer in order to promote best practices with diversity in sport.
7. To represent and be the voice for their community in regards to inclusion in sports and how sports can change to be more accessible for those form minority groups.

# **Sending Application Forms**

Send all applications [via this Google Form](https://forms.office.com/e/ikVZU0Hkp4) **by the 15th August at 4pm.** Informal chats will take place the week commencing 20th August on Microsoft Teams or in person. This provides the Sports and Societies Officer and the Activities Team Representative with a chance to get to know you and vice versa and discuss your ideas further. Successful candidates will be notified **by the 10th September**. Weekly Sports Council meetings will begin the following week ahead of term beginning.